

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
FOURTH MEETING  
of the  
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**September 28-29, 2015  
Shuler Theater  
Raton**

**Monday, September 28**

- 9:00 a.m.           **Call to Order — Introductions — Approval of Minutes**  
                          —Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Chair
- 9:05 a.m.           **Welcoming Remarks**  
                          —Sandy Mantz, Mayor, Raton
- 9:30 a.m.           (1)   **Great Blocks: Rural redevelopment — Public Infrastructure**  
                          —Brenda Ferri, Executive Director, Raton Arts and Cultural District  
                          —Diana M. Sanchez, President, Raton MainStreet; President, Great Blocks  
                          —Rich Williams, Director, New Mexico MainStreet and Arts and  
                              Cultural District
- 11:00 a.m.           (2)   **Tourism Work Force Development**  
                          —Jen Schroer, Chief Executive Officer and President, New Mexico  
                              Hospitality Association
- 12:00 noon           **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m.           (3)   **Broadband Task Force Steering Committee Report**  
                          —Charlie Farrell, Executive Director, New Mexico Exchange Carrier Group
- 2:15 p.m.           (4)   **New Mexico Small Business Development Center: Providing Economic  
Development Assistance to Small Businesses**  
                          —Russell Wyrick, State Director, New Mexico Small Business  
                              Development Center  
                          —Adriene Gallegos, Associate State Director, Outreach and Program  
                              Development, New Mexico Small Business Development Center
- 3:15 p.m.           (5)   **Four-County Ground Water Initiative**  
                          —Bill Sauble, Chair, Colfax County Commission
- 4:15 p.m.           **Public Comment**

4:30 p.m.                    **Recess**

**Tuesday, September 29**

9:30 a.m.            (6)    [Utility Infrastructure to Meet New Mexico's Future Needs](#)  
—Sayuri Yamada, Director of New Mexico Government Affairs, Public  
Service Company of New Mexico

10:30 a.m.            (7)    [Workforce Solutions Department Update — Unemployment Insurance](#)  
—Celina Bussey, Secretary, Workforce Solutions Department

12:30 p.m.            **Adjourn**